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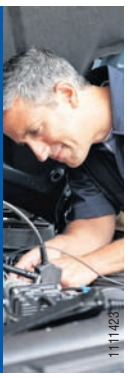
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HEARTFELT thanks are going out to Champion readers this week, as we have reached the target in our campaign to raise cash for lifesaving hospital equipment.

Only last September the Champion joined forces with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) to launch the Heart of Southport Appeal, in a bid to raise the money needed to purchase a portable scanner and a 3D Echocardiograph machine for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

Local groups, and members of the community responded generously to the appeal and, in less than a year, fundraising events, activities and donations have helped to raise a staggering £144,000.

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CONGRATULATIONS to all Britain's Olympic heroes – particularly to those in the Champion's region. It's been a golden Games with more medals than ever before and, hopefully, the success will inspire future generations of youngsters to get involved in all kinds of sport that they may not have considered.

As Bradley Wiggins said: "To go out there today and put a performance like that together nine days after the Tour and win another Olympic title in another event, it is never, ever going to get any better than that."

This little boy was more than happy to cosy up to the Olympic torch when it visited Crow Orchard School. The torch was there just before they broke up for the summer holidays. The school has taken pictures of all pupils and are selling them to raise money for school funds.

Hackers send out bogus cash plea

Businessman warns people to be on their guard

Exclusive report by **Henry James**

POLICE are investigating after scammers hacked into the email account of a West Lancashire businessman and sent a bogus message asking for financial help.

The scammers claimed the businessman had been mugged while on holiday in Greece and lost all his cash, credit cards and phones.

The message, which was sent to the Champion, says "I'm cash strapped – please send me a loan." The scam message also says that the businessman had been injured in the attack, having been hit on the back of his neck with a gun.

The businessman, who lost all his email correspondences and contacts because of the hackers, is now warning people to be on their guard.

He said: "After the scam email was sent on Monday, I had 30 calls from people who were concerned. I even spoke to an ex–colleague of mine in Jersey. Those who were contacted have realised it was a scam.

"But it was reassuring to get so many calls. One person, who knew it was a hoax, did respond to the email to see what would happen and he was asked for his bank details. Hopefully, by speaking out about this, I will be able to put people on their guard locally.

"All my inbox was wiped out in the scam and all my email contacts were deleted."

The scam email read: "We were having a great time until last night when we got mugged and lost all cash, credit cards and phones. It has been an awful experience. I was hit at the back of my neck with a gun. I now need you to loan me some money."

The Ormskirk man has now changed his email provider and password. He added: "It is appalling that people would resort to doing things like this to get money."

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Redundant council boss 'back at work just six weeks later'

David Simister talks exclusively to an outraged employee who slams waste of taxpayers' money

WEST Lancashire Borough Council was blasted this week for "wasting taxpayers' money" by employing former staff only weeks after they had taken voluntary redundancy.

A council employee, who did not wish to be named, exclusively told The Champion that she knew of several "redundant employees" who were back in jobs with the local authority including one boss who was rehired only six weeks after leaving the local authority with a redundancy package worth tens of thousands.

The council embarked on a redundancy scheme as part of ongoing efforts to cut costs. Dozens of posts have been axed and the council said two weeks ago that it would be seeking further voluntary redundancies.

The council recently went out to public consultation on how it can make further cuts to save £600,000. This will involve sweeping cuts to public services.

The employee said: "At a time when the council is so publicly looking for cuts and trying to save money, it's disgusting that this waste of taxpayers' money is going on.

"It just seems immoral that people can take voluntary redundancy and then get taken on again at the cost of the taxpayer when there are public services that are at risk of being cut.

"Something needs to be done about it, because it's tantamount to misuse of public funds. At the very best it's mismanagement, and I know I'm not the only one working at the council who isn't very happy about it."

The council employee highlighted to The Champion several instances of former employees being taken on in different positions, including one manager who was taken on despite only having taken voluntary redundancy with the local authority six weeks earlier.

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The borough council told The Champion that re–employing those who have already taken voluntary redundancy is not in breach of the local authority's policies.

A borough council spokesperson said: "Whilst it is not appropriate to comment on individual cases the council's policy does not prevent someone who has been made redundant, subsequently applying for a different job with the council.

"This policy reflects employment and equal opportunities legislation, together with the council's commitment to achieving the best possible value for money for its taxpayers."

The move has been criticised by the Taxpayers' Alliance, who said that reemploying former workers who have accepted voluntary redundancy packages was 'an absolute scandal'.

Robert Oxley, campaign manager of the TaxPayers' Alliance said: "It is an absolute scandal that West Lancashire Borough Council appears so blasé about the cost of making staff redundant only to hire them back again at great expense. These kinds of pay–outs represent appalling value for taxpayers' money.

"Councils should first try to find staff alternative roles before going through the costly processes of both redundancy and then rehiring. With big savings to be made rehiring employees defeats the whole point of letting them go in the first place."

What do you think? Share your views by sending an email to david.simister@champnews.com or call 01704 392404.

Family left in terror by gunshot at front door

Report by **David Simister**

THE residents of a house in Skelmersdale were left shocked after town police officers found damage caused by gunshots on their front door.

Lancashire Constabulary said it was appealing for more information after the residents of a house Pine Close reported a loud noise at around 10.30pm last Wednesday (August 1). When officers attended the scene, they found damage to the UPVC front door which appeared to have been caused by a small bore shotgun.

Detective Inspector Mark Nasser from West Lancs CID said: "I would appeal to anyone who may have information about this incident to come forward and contact police.

"Understandably the occupants have been left deeply distressed by what has happened and I would appeal for information so we can establish exactly what has occurred. Fortunately nobody was injured but this could have been more serious. An investigation has been launched to find those people responsible.

"The discharge of a firearm is very rare in Lancashire, and even rarer in Skelmersdale. I would reassure the public that we have a number of police officers and specially trained staff working on this inquiry who are determined to find those responsible."

An investigation into the case has subsequently been launched, with house–to–house enquiries being carried out by police officers based in the town.

If you have any information about this incident contact Lancashire Constabulary on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Beatles and Beetles are hits at wharf

Report by **Henry James**

FAB Four and car enthusiasts attended Burscough Wharf's Beetles and Beatles event at the weekend.

Kicking off with some live music – including a selection of Beatles hits – was resident guitarist and singer Barry Briercliffe and his band, supported by other members of Adam Christopher's School of Musical Excellence. Meanwhile a pair of vintage Volkswagen Beetles provided a talking point in the courtyard.

Following their initial visit to the Wharf back in June, four giant Beatles puppets returned to deliver a series of live performances throughout the afternoon.

Dominos are offering free taster sessions of their Summer School Performing Arts activities which take place between August 13–17. For details call 01704 896590.

Dedicated to king of the road?

KING of the road Bradley Wiggins was set to be given a hero's welcome on his return to Lancashire – and we've found a lane that could further honour his achievements.

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Celebration for four generations

FOUR generations will celebrate a couple's diamond wedding anniversary this week.

Jack and Evelyn Hindle, who live in Appley Bridge, were married 60 years ago on August 9 at St Anne's Church, Prescot Road, Liverpool, and will be marking the special occasion with a family get–together.

The couple have four children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They spent their early married life in Bootle and Netherton before they "moved to the country" in the late 60s.

With their surname being 'Hindle' their plan was to locate to a place they had heard of called Hindley because they thought it could be a lucky omen.

But when they went house hunting, they got lost and found themselves in Shevington – on the other side of Wigan!

They liked the village so much, they decided to move there instead before moving to Appley Bridge several years later.

Jack, 83, and Evelyn 81, also spent a number of years in the Formby area, where Jack had a job as a school maintenance man, before the couple returned to Appley Bridge when Jack retired.

Jack was a gas fitter and plumber in the Liverpool and surrounding areas most of his working life while Evelyn was a dedicated housewife and mum.

Evelyn and Jack Hindle – celebrating 60 years of marriage

West Lancs Mayor Coun Paul Greenall presents DVSS founder Eleanor Maddocks with an award with chairwoman Maureen Fazal (left) and supporters Code1052571

Tribute to work of charity

WEST Lancashire's mayor has paid tribute to a charity which helps some of the most vulnerable residents as the organisation celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Councillor Paul Greenall and his wife Louise, visited the Domestic Violence Support Service and praised the "dedicated staff" for doing a fantastic job in helping people affected by violence.

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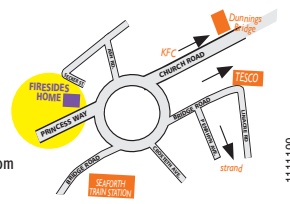

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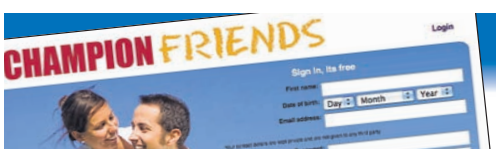

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‘40,000 residents left with no sports centre’

MP slams council’s failure to deliver new building

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has blasted councillors for leaving Skelmersdale without a sports centre in Britain’s Olympic year.

After the decision to close the centre by the Conservative–controlled borough council,the MP is meeting with West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust “to find a way to deliver a new one.”.

She said she has received many complaints from people about the closure and added that they are unhappy that the largest town in the area, with a population of 40,000 has no sports centre.

Ms Cooper said: “It is an absolute disgrace that the Conservative–run council has left Skelmersdale without a sports centre and with no clear plans for a new facility. I don’t believe this is good enough and I believe the people of West Lancashire deserve better.

“West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust’s stated vision is ‘the creation and maintenance of a first class range of healthy and recreational activities to serve all parts of the community of West Lancashire’. I want to work with them to bring a new sports centre to Skelmersdale.

“I’m positive there must be a scheme that is deliverable given the numbers currently using Skelmersdale Sports Centre in its current poor state of repair. Imagine how many people would be encouraged to use brand new sports facilities.

“This is the year of London 2012. What will West Lancashire’s legacy be? I am determined it will be more than a hope as the council say but a real commitment to providing a new sports centre.

Skelmersdale Sports Centre...now facing demolition Code1051185

“I am more than happy to meet with representatives of West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust and Serco to discuss potential options and offer my support to help in delivering new sports facilities.

“We have a brand new £42m college campus, plans for a new town centre, an ambition for a new railway station in Skelmersdale. A new sports centre would be a welcome addition to a new look Skelmersdale and would benefit the whole of West Lancashire. Skelmersdale deserves it.”

A borough council spokesman said in response: “West Lancashire Borough Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of publicly owned sports centres in West Lancashire.

“The Leisure Trust and Serco are responsible for the day to day running of the buildings.

“The council set out a vision more than five years ago for a new sports centre in Skelmersdale. The economic climate has impacted on that, but it remains the ambition of West Lancashire Borough Council and we have continued to work hard to look at ways of delivering this.”

Meanwhile, an application into how the Sports Centre is to be demolished has been submitted to the borough council.

SOS plea as charity forced to move out

Report by **Henry James**

BOSSES at Home–Start West Lancashire, based at Skelmersdale Sports Centre, are being forced to find a new home.

Staff at the charity have sent out an SOS call for help in finding new premises after they were given just weeks to move.

The group has helped more than 1,000 local families since it was set up 15 years ago and over 100 families are currently being supported. The trustees, staff and the 50 trained volunteers are proud of their track record and are determined to carry on supporting local families.

Home–Start’s chair of trustees, Jenny Lake, said: “We have worked hard to bring money in to the area to pay for this vital support and we’re really proud that so many professionals refer families to us.

“Heath visitors, midwives and even the fire and rescue service all work with us so we know we’re filling an important gap.

“We understand that the council has some tough decisions to make but losing our premises on the sports centre grounds is a real blow.

“We’re supporting the council’s plans to help community groups take over local buildings and we hope that this might provide a solution for us but we don’t want to put all our eggs in one basket.

“If any organisations in the Skelmersdale community can reach out and offer us some help we’d love to hear from them. We’ve been asked to move on in a matter of weeks and we urgently need to find a new home.”

Home–Start West Lancs can be contacted through Jenny Lake on 07968 292080.

Taxi scheme ‘helping borough back to work’

Report by **David Simister**

PEOPLE in Skelmersdale with no other means of transport to work can get a taxi under a new scheme to cut jobless figures.

The borough council said this week that 104 residents were already using the scheme, called the Skelmersdale Employment Transit, which uses taxis to link residential parts of the town with industrial estates and major employers.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, West Lancashire Borough Council portfolio holder for planning and development, said: “This type of initiative is important to get local residents back into work.

“Given the current economic climate, it is particularly important that the council does all it can to remove any barriers that stop residents accessing employment.

“The council is aware that there is a need to improve the internal transportation network within Skelmersdale and hopes that this initiative can help those residents that have experienced particular problems getting into work.”

The scheme, a joint venture with Lancashire County Council, has taxis provided by Skem Express Cars taking residents to places of employment which aren’t on bus routes.

The project is funded by money given by PepsiCo – which operates the town’s Walkers crisps factory – to the borough council as part of planning agreement struck with the local authority.

Lucy Jane, 17, is one of the scheme’s users, said: “The scheme has been a big help to me. I don’t have my own transport and there is no bus route to get me to work.

“Before I started using this scheme it was costing me £10 per day to get to and from work, but now it is costing me just £20 per week.

“Without the Skelmersdale Employment Transit Scheme I would have had to give up the job.”

The trial service operates between Pimbo Industrial Estate and residential areas within Skelmersdale and Up Holland, and is only available to those people who have a transport difficulty and meet set criteria.

County Councillor Malcolm Barron, Lancashire County Council lead member for buses, said: “Good transport links are shown to make a real difference to help people access jobs and we’re very pleased to be working to improve people’s prospects in Skelmersdale.”

The scheme, which operates from 5.30am to 11pm every day except Sundays and Bank Holidays, costs £2 for a single journey or a multi journey ticket can be purchased at an additional discount.

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Air Ambulance finds a new home

by David Simister

The North West Air Ambulance helicopter.

FLYING lifesavers are to have both of their helicopters moved to new homes to allow doctors to join them on their emergency missions across the region.

North West Air Ambulance, which responds to serious incidents across West Lancashire and Sefton, confirmed that its helicopters will be moved from Blackpool Airport and Barton Airfield in Greater Manchester to city hospitals in Preston and Manchester.

Lynda Brislin, chief executive of the North West Air Ambulance charity, said: "A patient will no longer have to wait until their arrival at hospital to have access to the highest quality clinical care – instead this will be available to them in their time of extreme need.

"Being based at key trauma hospitals and having expert clinicians on hand for serious incidents will help to further increase patients' life chances. We are committed to continuously enhancing our service but, as a charity, developments of this nature come at a significant cost and would not be possible without the support and generosity of the North West public."

The charity, which is funded entirely by donations, is the first air ambulance service outside of London to operate directly from hospital helipads. The air ambulance helps to save lives by taking critical patients to hospitals in a fraction of the time it would take a road ambulance to complete the same journey, helping to shave vital minutes off the trip to hospital.

Sean Hughes, Medical Director at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, said: "As the regional major trauma centre for Lancashire we are delighted to be providing a base for the North West Air Ambulance.

"This will enable us to take key members of our team direct to incident scenes, which will help us to provide the best possible care for major trauma patients."

If you'd like to offer your support to North West Air Ambulance visit www.nwaa.net.

Council check on mast bid

COUNCILLORS will visit Martin Mere wildfowl centre to check on a planning application.

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust applied for permission to erect a mast at the centre, near Burscough, to give staff an improved internet connection. Councillors deferred a decision to check on the mast's impact on the environment.

The trust says a five metre high mast is needed to give staff an improved internet connection.

But Scarisbrick councillor Andrew Fowler said the potential impact on the borough's green belt should be checked after several residents near to the site expressed concerned about the visual impact.

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Stereo blaster pest silenced by the law

57 complaints led to seizure of music equipment

Report by **David Simister**

A SKELMERSDALE man whose noisy stereo music prompted dozens of complaints from his long–suffering neighbours has had his audio equipment confiscated after he was given a Criminal ASBO (CRASBO).

The police and West Lancashire Borough Council took action against 33–year–old Kenneth Michael William Edgerton after he played loud music repeatedly at his home in the town, leading to no less than 57 complaints from his neighbours.

Along with being given the CRASBO, which would allow his arrest if he plays any more loud music, he was also fined £200.

Police confiscated his audio equipment, including a stereo system, two large speakers and two DVD players.

Councillor Ian Grant, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "This is a good example of different sections of the council working well together and with the police.

"We used the full force of the law to put a stop to the behaviour of a man who was making life unbearable for his neighbours, but he found out he was answerable to the law like everybody else is.

"This is the first time the council has seized someone's personal property that was making residents' lives a misery, but if it is necessary we will have no hesitation in doing it again."

Noise nuisance Kenneth Edgerton.

Edgerton, whose address cannot be revealed for legal reasons, was served with a noise abatement notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 after making his neighbours' lives a nightmare with his blasting music, but the order was repeatedly breached and the council and the police worked together to take action with him, with his audio equipment finally being confiscated by the local authority in March.

Magistrates in Ormskirk decided at the hearing that all but one piece of his audio equipment should not be returned to him, and it will now be disposed of.

After failing to appear at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on his original trial date, Edgerton was arrested by officers from Lancashire Constabulary and brought before the court, where he pleaded guilty to breaching the abatement notice twice and was fined £100 for each offence.

Police Inspector Andy Willis, geographical inspector for West Lancashire, added: "I am pleased we were able to assist with this case.

"Clearly Mr. Edgerton was an extremely poor neighbour and I am delighted we could help his neighbours. The constabulary and the council will continue to work very closely together and this shows how successful we can be."

The council's application for the CRASBO, preventing Edgerton from harassing or threatening towards his neighbours was also approved by magistrates, and will be in force until midnight on July 23, 2014.

Holland Moor homes meeting

A NEWLY formed residents' association is calling on those who live in the Holland Moor and Clay Brow areas to attend its inaugural meeting.

The Claybrow and Holland Moor Estate Management Board is currently in the process of changing to a new body and will be holding its first meeting later this month to agree a new constitution.

For more information about the meeting, which takes place at 6pm on August 14 in the Digmoor Community Resource Centre, call 01695 725483.

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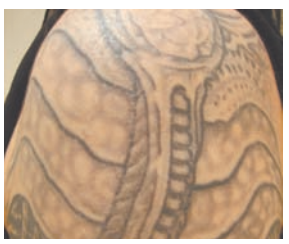
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Ticket to ride, with waterproofs ready!

Report by **David Simister**

THE ominous sound of pouring rain and the crack of thunder does not sound ideal weather for an open top bus tour.

Luckily, Sunday's downpours paused in the afternoon for me and my partner, Conny, to try out the new tourist attraction being driven – literally – by a group of volunteers from Burscough.

So we stepped on to one of Merseyside Transport Trust's carefully maintained double deckers to check out the attractions in my home town of Southport – wearing waterproofs, of course, as a precaution.

Could someone who's grown up in Southport and works for the Champion local newspaper learn something new about the history of the resort. Or or better still showcase something of interest to German–born Conny?

Merseyside Transport Trust, a volunteer group with a collection of classic buses at their base in Burscough, have hit on the idea of using their open–topped bus exhibits to provide tours of the resort each Sunday, and with the rides being completely free they've proved a hit with tourists and curious residents.

Dennis Reeves, one of the trust's volunteers, said: "People are really enjoying them. It's what these old buses were built for, and it's good to see them being used in this way again.

"These buses are all maintained and driven by volunteers, and with many of them formerly being used on services in this region, some of the vehicles we're using are actually going around the same routes they would have travelled when they were new."

The tourists on the bus – a Leyland Atlantean from the 1970s – get lucky as the double decker trundles away from the starting point at Southport Pier – the clouds are still lingering above, but it's stopped raining and there's even a bit of sunshine breaking through as the journey heads past Marshside, through Churchtown, back along Lord Street and then up to Birkdale to check out the Royal Birkdale golf course.

Conny's verdict: The tours would be better still if they had a guide imparting useful facts and figures – don't worry, they're working on it. At the moment, passengers are given a free factsheet pointing out some of Southport's highlights.

That's how I learned that my local – the Hesketh Arms, in Churchtown – used to be called The Black Bull and that the town's founder, William Sutton, used to be its proprietor. Mission accomplished!

The open top tours set off from Southport Pier (near the carousel) at noon, 1.30pm and 3pm each Sunday until August 26, and also on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27. For more information about the Merseyside Transport Trust visit their website at www.mttrust.co.uk.

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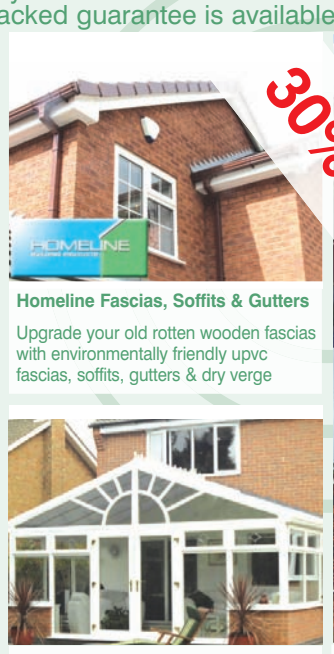

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Council strike 'bargain deal' on newbuilds

Report by **David Simister**

Buyers to be offered discounts

THE council has struck a deal with two developers to offer new homes at discounted prices.

Eligible buyers can get on the proper ladder through a scheme agreed with Wainhomes and Persimmon Homes which the council say will mean substantial discounts.

The council says that anyone interested should get in touch to find out whether they qualify for the scheme.

Eight three–bedroom affordable homes are available at a 25% discount at Persimmon's development at Beacon Green in Skelmersdale.

In Haskayne, four three–bedroom properties are on offer for 35% less than market value at the Wainhomes site at Scholars Gate, on School Lane.

Councillor Adrian Owens, the local authority's portfolio holder for housing finance, regeneration and estates, said: "The council appreciates that many people have difficulty in affording a home in our area.

"We are committed to tackling this problem and part of our approach involves working with housing developers to ensure that some of the newly built homes are provided as affordable housing."

Cllr Val Hopley, the council's portfolio holder for landlord services, said: "These two sites provide an opportunity for eligible households to buy a home at a substantial discount.

"The purchasers will own 100% of the property, but at a discounted price. When the householder comes to sell, the same percentage discount will apply."

The marketing suite and showhome at the Skelmersdale is open from Thursday to Monday, between 10.30am and 5.30 pm, with more information available at www.persimmonhomes.com.

Meanwhile, the marketing suite and showhome for the Wainhomes development is open on Thursdays between 10am until 7 pm, and Friday to Monday inclusive between 10am and 5pm. For Tuesday and Wednesday openings and more information contact 01295 869630 or visit www.wainhomes.net.

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Laura Bleasdale (centre) with Vicki (left) and Steph at the new facility in Skelmersdale. Code1052572

Poles apart... or the next Olympic sport?

SHOULD pole dancing be an Olympic sport?

Absolutely, say thousands of pole dancers and the rapidly growing number of international and national federations transforming what was once the exclusive property of strip clubs and cheap bars into a highly athletic, but still sexy, event.

Now women in Skelmersdale are being offered a chance to keep fit by pole dancing with free taster sessions.

Skelmersdale Thai Boxing Club is staging classes at their Westgate base with Wigan–based company Pole Seduction.

A spokesperson said: "We believe that the art of pole dancing is one of the most fun but sexy ways to get fit. It concentrates on improving flexibility, strength, co–ordination and boosting your self–esteem all at the same time. Despite pole dancing now hitting the mainstream and being incorporated into the fitness industry, we believe it is a vital part to keep our classes sexy, sassy and at a steady pace creating a more comfortable adult environment so women can feel empowered, have fun and not feel under pressure."

For more information, call Laura Bleasdale on 07753 470205.

Soccer club seeks talented young players

Report by **David Simister**

A COMMUNITY football club in Skelmersdale is calling on budding David Beckhams to join its ranks this month.

Mitch FC, based in Old Skelmersdale, is looking for new players to join its Under 16 and Under 18 teams, as well as calling for new coaches, and is urging youngsters interested in playing for the under eights team to join trials taking place later this month.

Chris Sowerby, the club's project manager, said: "We have just started a coach education project and will be continuously assessing and evaluating all are coaches to ensure the highest quality in technical coaching standards and also positive role models for all players to develop personal and social development.

"We are also holding a football trials for under eights between Monday, August 13 and Friday, August, between 10am and noon, andholding an officiated match on Saturday August 18, with the kick–off at 10am. The trials are free to any children eligible to play at under eights this season and will be held at Barnes Road playing fields."

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Dealer jailed for five years

Report by
David Simister

A DRUG dealer caught at a train station carrying thousands of pounds worth of cash as part of a plot to sell half a kilo of cocaine has been jailed for five years.

James Langlands senior, 59, of Delamere Way, Up Holland was jailed at Liverpool Crown Court last Friday after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply the Class A drug and for money laundering after police arrested him at Wigan North Western station while carrying £17,500.

DS Phil Bowerbank, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "The drugs and mixing agent found in the safe which Langlands senior owned had the potential to create a large amount of cocaine worth tens of thousands of pounds.

"This was in addition to the thousands of pounds Langlands senior had in his possession which was obtained from his criminal enterprise.

"This sentence sends a stern message to those who use drugs as a way to make a living that you will be caught, jailed and punished."

The case followed a raid on Langlands' home in March when officers found a safe with £5,000 in cash in addition to cocaine and a mixing agent.

Intelligence following the raid led officers to Wigan North Western train station, where Langlands senior was arrested bording a train for Scotland.

James Langlands junior, 38, of Alma Walk, Up Holland was also given a 12–month community order by the court and ordered to pay £200 costs and work 175 hours unpaid after pleading guilty to possession of £100 worth of cocaine.

Two wanted for string of crimes

Derek Rose.

Jamie Rawlinson.

Police warn over helping pair to avoid arrest

Report by
David Simister

POLICE are appealing for information about two men wanted in connection with a string of crimes and believed to be hiding in West Lancashire.

They are loooking for 23–year–old Derek Rose, formerly of Tanfields, and 29–year–old Jamie Rawlinson, formerly of Hallcroft, both wanted for burglary, assault, criminal damage and theft offences.

Sergeant Steven Hackney said: "I believe these men are still in the West Lancashire area and that people may be harbouring them and assisting them in avoiding the police. I would remind people that this is a serious offence and anybody found doing this will face serious criminal charges.

"I would appeal to people in Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and the surrounding areas to be vigilant and if they think they have seen these men or have any information that might help us locate them, please contact police."

Officers said they wanted to speak to Rose in connection with an assault on June 28, a burglary on June 30 and criminal damage on July 3. All the offences were committed at an address on Fairstead. He is described as being 5ft 11 inches tall with short light brown hair, and has hazel eyes and is usually clean shaven. He has a three inch scar on his left arm. Police are also keen to trace Rawlinson, who is described as being 5ft 10 inches tall with fair short brown hair. He is of proportionate build and has hazel eyes, and a scar on his right knuckle. Police are looking to speak to him in connection with a number of thefts that have taken place in The Concourse shopping centre, as well as a burglary that happened on August 1 in the Tanhouse area.

If you have any information, call Lancashire Constabulary on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

New school reunion scheduled

AN informal 50 year reunion for former pupils of Skelmersdale County Secondary School has been arranged.

It is hoped that many former pupils who attended the school and left during the early sixties (1960–1963) can come along.

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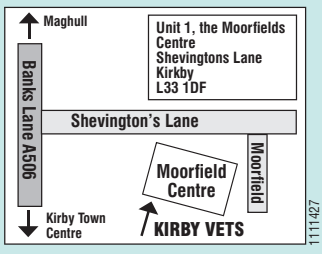

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Helen Broady (left) Skelmersdale Asda Community Champion hands a cheque to representatives of winning group Charlotte Simpson and Corinne Bradshaw. With them from The Wednesday Club are Sheila Turton and Sonia Kilshaw. Code1052486

Group hits £4,000 target

LITTLE Digmoor primary's Community Parent Group reached its £4,000 target to build a light sensory room at the school by winning a competition.

The group achieved its target figure by winning Asda Skelmersdale's Chosen By You Given by Us scheme. Their project was voted the winner by shoppers at the supermarket and group received a cheque for £200.

The Wednesday Pensioners' Club and the Pit Stop Cafe (run by people with learning disabilities) came joint second and each received £50.

Helen Broady, community life colleague at Asda Skelmersdale, said: "The Little Digmoor Community Parent Group ran away with the vote. In July at Asda Skelmersdale over £3,000 was raised from foyer collections for various charities."

The new competition for funding is between West Lancs Ark, which provides drugs and alcohol rehabilitation, Digmoor Community Centre Foodbank and Yewdale Counselling Services .

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Simple message – stay out of quarries!

Every year, young people put themselves at risk of injury and death by going in local quarries uninvited. It happens right across the country – and it happens in your area.

Sadly, since the beginning of May, four teenage boys have died in trespass related accidents in UK quarries.

All too often, an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding a tragic accident of this kind reveals the same stark fact.

The young people involved did not perceive the risks they were exposing themselves to, they saw their activities as a bit of harmless fun.

With the long delayed arrival of dry, warm weather and the start of the school summer holidays, quarry operators are therefore keen to raise public awareness of these risks.

They would also like to appeal to parents to ensure that their youngsters are not tempted to enter into local quarries uninvited and to deter irresponsible adults who, in pursuit of their own activities, are breaking down quarry fencing and putting children lives at risk.

While some of the hazards that young people may expose themselves to are obvious, others are less so. Quarry water, no matter how inviting, is icy cold and deep with unexpected currents and obstacles beneath the water.

The dramatic impact that cold water can have on one's body can result in even very experienced swimmers suddenly finding themselves in difficulty.

Quarry edges can be unstable. Caves dug into sand stockpiles can collapse on you. Ground that may look firm can act like quicksand.

I would urge parents and others to view and share are Facebook page Stay Safe Stay Out of Quarries with others. A video can also be viewed on YouTube (type in – Stay Safe Stay Out of Quarries)

Our message and the message of the parents of boys who have been killed whilst trespassing in quarries and who are now supporting the campaign is simple – unless you are invited on an organised visit by the quarry operator – Please Stay Safe ... Stay Out of quarries.

Elizabeth Clements,
Mineral Products Association, London

Are developers driving housing plans forward?

Re: article in Champion about future housing development plans in West Lancashire.

Having just been told by the council leader that 'ward councillors are there to help the people of the borough... they are elected by the communities to serve them' it's a bit galling to find the opposite is true.

Cabinet assurances that the plans were by no means 'a done deal' and that it was unlikely development at Yew Tree Farm would go ahead before 2020, and only then if existing sewage and drainage problems at the site are resolved, mean nothing.

Doing this to protect the remaining 99% of West Lancashire's green belt is crass.

Why does the '1%' have to be at Burscough which will create another town rather than provide just a few more houses?

If it's going to take eight years to sort out Burscough, surely the council can find enough sites spread more evenly across this huge borough to render such a scheme obsolete? Are we seriously expected to believe we have a council that can't find enough small sites for a mere 50/60 houses a year over eight years, avoiding the trouble and expense of what council refers to as 'existing sewage and drainage problems at the site'?

Or is it more than likely its developers that are driving this proposal forward?

Alan Lenton,
By email

PICTURE of the week

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Blue skies, green fields and white fluffy clouds earlier in the year which heralded a promising start to the summer – but, it was not to be. Code01052527. Picture by Martyn Snape

'Help support our vital work for carers'

Do your readers know that one in eight of us cares for a disabled, elderly or frail family member?

Carers provide round–the–clock care for their loved ones, often with very little support or recognition of their selfless devotion.

I work for a charity called Vitalise.

We run the Sandpipers respite break centre in Southport, which provides desperately–needed breaks for disabled people and carers.

We know that a regular break from caring is often the only thing that enables carers to carry on.

The problem is that our own research shows that six out of ten carers are overwhelmed with feelings of worry or guilt about the putting the person they care for into respite care, even for just a few days.

This is a terrible situation to be in, because it means that most carers are never able to properly 'switch off' from the unrelenting stress of caring.

Some carers are so consumed by guilt and worry about the standard of care that their loved ones might receive that they end up not taking any respite at all, but simply struggle on at home, putting their own health at risk in the process.

As the population ages and more people than ever before are in need of respite care, we are urging respite service providers to pay more attention to the quality of respite care they provide, in order to put carers' minds at ease and enable them to make the most of the respite opportunities they so richly deserve.

I would like to ask your readers to join us in calling for quality, choice and dignity in respite care for all, and to support our vital work in the region. We don't get a penny from central government, but rely on the compassion and generosity of our supporters to keep on providing our vital services, so please help us.

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Colin Brook, Vitalise

New doors would make a lot of people very happy

It's good to read about the scheme to install new windows and doors in 1,200 council owned houses as well as flats across the borough.

I wonder if the one bedroom ground floor flats in Inskip are to be included in this scheme.

I have lived in my flat for four years without a back door, just a large living room window.

It seems that us residents living here are the only ones who don't have a back door into the garden. There is use of a communal gate half way down the street.

That's not very convenient when you are struggling to walk and not very steady on your feet.

We were advised by the fire brigade that, in case of fire, keep a hammer by the window, and if you can, climb out of said window.

That's all well and good if you are in your teens but the youngest residents around here are 50+, so no, I don't think so.

I speak for a majority of residents here, so come on people on the council, think about installing new doors for us.

It would make a lot of people very happy.

L Johnson,
Skelmersdale

Illegally parked vehicles at hospital sites on increase

I am a frequent visitor to both Southport and Ormskirk hospitals and I have noticed that the number of illegally parked vehicles at both sites is increasing.

Is the much heralded private firm that was brought in to prevent this no longer being used and if so what does the hospital trust intend to do about it?

Alan Robinson, Ainsdale

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Focus on big issues

KEVIN Boyce is the West Lancashire Chief Inspector for Lancashire Constabulary. In the first of a series of columns for The Champion, he outlines some of the biggest issues the borough's police officers are dealing with.

IN MY role as Chief Inspector for the West Lancashire I am always keen to talk about and discuss the work of the constabulary with local residents.

I was then pleased to be offered this monthly column in The Champion as I knew it would be another way I could engage with the community.

I have held the position of Chief Inspector for around four months and I have had a number of pressing policing issues cross my Skelmersdale desk, one of the biggest being road safety.

There are a multitude of villages, towns and hamlets in our district all linked by stretches of tarmac which sees hundreds of cars, vans and motorcycles each day. I am glad to say the overwhelming majority of drivers are safe and capable; however, there are still careless motorists. Recently, 154 drivers in Upholland, Rufford and Ormskirk were stopped for offences including speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and using a mobile phone whilst driving. Fixed penalty notices, endorsements and, in some circumstances, the option of a speed awareness course were issued.

As part of a county–wide drink drive campaign, we also breathalysed 3,254 drivers in West Lancashire, Chorley and South Ribble. Nineteen failed the test and were arrested with one individual also being arrested for refusing to take the test.

Another pressing issue which affects West Lancashire disproportionately is 'cross–border' criminals coming from Merseyside and Greater Manchester. Around one in every three thefts is committed by these types of criminals and we recently launched an operation entitled 'Monaco' to tackle the situation.

The operation saw officers conduct 121 stop and searches at border points resulting in the seizures of eight vehicles and the arrest of ten people for crimes including attempted burglary and drug dealing.

I would also like to mention staying safe and preventing crime now that the schools have broken up.

Make sure you don't leave valuables in the garden; your windows and doors are locked and if you go abroad or on a long–trip, cancel newspaper and milk deliveries.

A recent operation in Up Holland saw officers find over 40 cars left unlocked in the streets. We subsequently knocked on villagers' doors to see if they realised the risk, and whilst a few were a bit startled, we gained excellent feedback.

I hope you enjoyed my inaugural column and if there are any West Lancashire policing issues you would like me to discuss feel free to e–mail via kevin.boyce@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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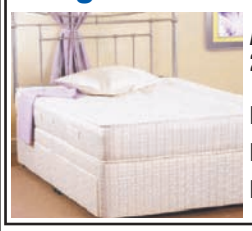

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Cinders makes a bow!

THIS is a milestone for the 'Dog' column. Never before has it included a photograph of my dog Tina and our new pup.

But Mr Editor Sir, in his infinite wisdom, declared I should use picture of Cinders, before the youngster gets any bigger.

Actually, by the time you read this, she most certainly will have, but that's pups for you!

In fact, she was probably about 12 weeks old when this was taken and she is still a bundle of loveable fun. And the time Tina is prepared to take playing with this piece of mischief is really quite remarkable.

I just hope Tina teaches her some of her better traits and not worse ones (which I confess she has almost certainly picked up from me). For instance, she ignores cyclists on the road – but has a definite 'thing' about them on any pavement.

Which brings me neatly to our friends on two wheels.

Now, I am not particularly enamoured of the Olympics in general. I enjoyed the rowing, sailing, the equestrian events and to some extent the gymnastics. But running, jumping and standing more or less still (shot put and javelin) leave me somewhat cold.

But one Olympian who really caught my interest was Bradley Wiggins. A true British hero if ever there was one.

Mind you, personally I rate his magnificent performance in the Tour de France more highly than any Olympic Gold but the very best of fortune to all our Olympic hopefuls anyway.

And it was good to hear Wiggy telling lesser cyclists to do as he does and put a helmet on.

Wiggins' success will persuade an avalanche of cyclists to take to the streets.

Which is all very green and very healthy too – if you simply ignore the fact that cycling on the highway is, by a large margin, quite the most dangerous way of getting around the country.

Mind you, a large number of two–wheeled terror have circumvented that particular

Tina and Cinders

problem. Don't ride on the road – use the pavement instead! Which would be a great idea but for those selfish pedestrians already there.

I mentioned this to a police officer the other day and he (or she) reckoned the police do prosecute for this offence – for offence it is (just read your Highway Code if you don't believe me).

Yesterday I was walking beside the A59 Northway, when coming towards me was a mature cyclist, hands off the handlebars – texting! If the police are really keen on stopping this sort of thing, they should walk with me for an hour, anywhere, and I'd bet a pound to a cycle bell that they would 'book' five or six pavement riders any day.

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Spitfire story inspires new author

by **Mel Ramsay**

A MAWDESLEY man has made a dramatic career change from theme park designer to children's author after being inspired by the history of the Spitfire.

Ian Hewitt, has published his first book, The Ghost of Cameron Crowe, a war story following the adventures of a World War Two Spitfire.

Mr Hewitt approached The Spitfire Society to help launch his book and it was decided that a book signing should be at the Tribute to the Spitfire Festival in Surrey.

He has now been invited to meet members of an inner circle within The Spitfire Society to help ensure the future for the most charismatic fighter plane of all time.

Mr Hewitt, who has a Southport business, said: "I am so in awe of these men, and they are mostly men, who have dedicated themselves not only to preserving these machines and keeping them in the skies, but to building future generations of enthusiasts.

"They want to make sure the glamour isn't lost as we recede over time from those who knew the nimblest WWII war horse first hand. I am absolutely privileged to have been asked to be involved.

"There's a much, much bigger story to be told about the plans they have to keep the Spitfire aloft."

The book is now available from leading booksellers and www.theghostofcameron crowe.co.uk priced at £20.00.

Ian Hewitt with a copy of his new book.

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'...it would have taken years to provide the funds without the help of the Champion's Heart of Southport Appeal,' says top cardiologist

British Heart Foundation HEART OF SOUTHPORT APPEAL Champion

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We can now reveal that, after the BHF managed to negotiate a lower price with manufacturers, the fantastic figure was enough to bring the appeal to a close and pay for the state–of the–art machines.

The vital equipment will benefit heart patients throughout the north of Sefton and West Lancashire.

Dr Jonathan Fox, consultant cardiologist at Southport Hospital, and his colleagues first highlighted the need for the equipment at the site as it will help doctors make much more informed and speedier diagnoses in the future, but said it would have taken "years" to provide the funds without the help of the Heart of Southport Appeal.

As the 3D Echocardiograph machine was handed over by the BHF and some of the appeal's supporters, Dr Fox told the Champion: "We'd like to say a fantastic thanks to all your readers and supporters, and to the paper for keeping the appeal in the public eye.

"Also thanks to all those who have been involved and the British Heart Foundation. The scanner will make a real difference."

He explained that, with the machine's ability to create 3D images of more complex heart problems, and take several images at a time to make the process quicker, it will help to "improve the services to patients in the area."

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Heart of Southport Appeal has reached its target of £144,000

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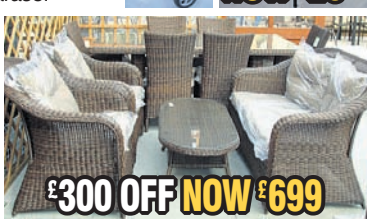

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Consultant cardiologist Dr Jonathon Fox (kneeling centre) with Ken Fretwell and representatives from organisations who helped the Heart of Southport appeal

‘Staggered by the generosity’

From opposite page

Ken Fretwell, the BHF’s fundraising volunteer manager, also thanked kind–hearted Champion readers, as he added: “I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to the success of this appeal. I am absolutely thrilled that we have reached our target.

“I am staggered by the generosity and the dedication everyone has put in over the last year. It is wonderful to know that more heart patients will benefit as a result of this appeal.

“I’d also like to express my gratitude to the Champion for the support given to the appeal. It has helped us to achieve the target quicker.

Malcolm Hindle, group editor at Champion Newspapers, said: ”To raise £144,000 in just nine months is simply staggering, and shows just how much our readers and businesses in and around Southport have taken this issue to heart.

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FAVOURITE Disney characters will join a professional illusionist on a Merseyside stage later this month, and the Champion has tickets to give away.

From August 29 – September 2, Disney Live! will present Mickey's Magic Show in EchoTwo @ Echo Arena Liverpool, and the show is set to excite and delight children of all ages.

It will feature the special magic from legendary Disney films, as the audience will see Cinderella's rags turn into a beautiful gown, Aladdin's Princess Jasmine levitating and the enchanted dancing brooms in Fantasia helping to sweep Minnie off her feet.

The Master Magician himself – Mickey Mouse – will perform astonishing illusions along with Michael Barron.

The Champion has three family passes (two adults and two children) with goodie bags for the August 29 (4pm) performance to give away to lucky readers who can tell us the answer to this question: What type of rodent is Mickey?

Send your correct answer, along with your name, address and a daytime telephone number, to: Disney Competition, Champion Newspapers, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 0QA.

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WEST Lancashire households are to be sent leaflets calling for residents to speak out against police cuts.

The Lancashire Police Federation, which represents rank–and–file officers, said that ongoing cuts would threaten their future ability and officers were already stretched beyond their limit. The leaflets are part of a county–wide campaign.

Rachel Baines, chairman of the Federation, said: "The reality of 20% cuts to policing is now starting to show, to lose so many officers over such a short period of time does nothing to reassure us or the public we serve that the Government values public safety.

"Police services stepped in at the eleventh hour to bail out the Government with the ongoing G4S Olympic fiasco. Police officers are the most flexible resource this country has, but to keep reducing numbers like this will have a detrimental impact on our resilience in the future."

Lancashire Constabulary, however, said that while it has been clear about the cuts it was determined to minimize the effect on frontline policing and to help keep Lancashire's crime rate low.

What do you think? Share your thoughts by calling 01704 392400 or by sending an email to david.simister@champnews.com

Big Macs on way?

PLANS to turn a former branch of Little Chef into a new takeaway – rumoured to be a McDonalds restaurant – have been given the green light by West Lancashire councillors.

The council's planning committee approved plans to turn the restaurant at Four Lane Ends in Bickerstaffe into a fast food takeaway despite concerns from nearby residents about noise and odours.

The site was linked to the fast food giant earlier this year after it emerged the applicant, a Ms Nicola Davies, was linked to a string of other developments connected with McDonalds. However, McDonalds declined to comment.

The Little Chef at the site closed in February this year as part of a nationwide move by the troubed restaurant chain to close 67 of its 161 outlets.

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Marie Hackney was appointed by West Lancashire Disability Helpline after the Local Strategic Partnership provided funding via the West Lancs Challenge project, set up to increase opportunities for unemployed young people. The charity was visited by borough councillor Adrian Owens.

Tony Lewis, the manager of Helpline, said: "We are very pleased to recruit the latest addition to our award–winning team."

MP gets inside view of training

Report by **David Simister**

WEST Lancashire's MP Rosie Cooper joined the staff at Aughton firm Holt Green Training to find out more about how small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) contribute and the problems they face.

Ms Cooper said: "It was great to spend time with them, learning about the quality training they provide in health and social care and management. The provision of social care is one of the biggest challenges facing us as communities and as a society. To have a greater insight into the work companies such as Holt Green Training do is invaluable."

Her visit was part of the Forum of Private Business's Business Buddy scheme, which puts politicians in touch with smaller businesses, particularly with regard to obtaining funds for further investment.

Rosie Cooper MP with staff at Aughton firm Holt Green Training.

Steph Molden, managing director of Holt Green Training, said: "It was great to meet Rosie and explain the challenges we currently face in the training sector. Being able to highlight the specific issues we face in West Lancashire – particularly around funding and overall support in growing a business prompted an insightful discussion."

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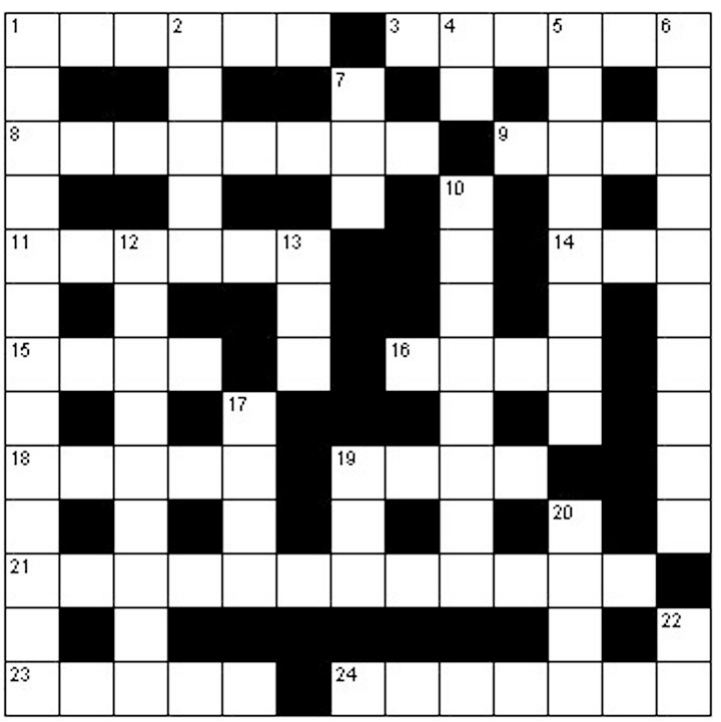

ACROSS

1 Sefton village known for its firing range (6)
3 A haircut short at the front and sides, but long at the back (6)
8 A device used to hurl objects a great distance (8)
9 A piece of loose clothing often worn by Roman men (4)
11 A regular gathering of people to buy and sell items (6)
14 To move by jumping on one foot (3)
15 What was Bismarck's first name? (4)
16 A small round mass of solid medication (4)
18 An events area surrounded by seats for spectators (5)
19 A building in a severe state of disrepair (4)
21 Freedom from influence and outside control (12)
23 Acronym used to refer to someone opposed to developments in their own area (5)
24 Taking property through the threat or use of force (7)

DOWN

1 Somewhere where someone can stay or live (13)
2 What makes the White Cliffs of Dover white? (5)
4 A hit record for Yazz, The Only Way Is ... (2)
5 A technicality or ambiguity used to evade rules or laws (8)
6 A bouncy platform used for play and sport (10)
7 A type of beer with a bitter flavour (3)
10 Someone on the run from the authorities (8)
12 Beautiful South hit named after a Dutch port (9)
13 A rounded metal container used to hold food (3)
17 An angelic stringed instrument (4)
19 A pedestrian movement, faster than a walk (3)
20 4,840 square yards in a word (4)
22 The possessive form of I (2)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
Across: 1 Ska, 3 Manager, 7 Unsure, 8 Flair, 9 Mat, 10 Ranch, 11 Kunis, 12 Eve, 13 Edmunds, 17 Recant, 19 Greed, 22 Eskimo, 23 Caramel.
Down: 1 Squirrels, 2 Absence, 3 March, 4 Gift, 5 Reading, 6 Taransay, 9 Mosquito, 14 Dagger, 15 Peaks, 16 Serum, 18 Arms, 20 Doll, 21 Web.

Anger over loss of lonesome pine

Report by
Natasha Young

VILLAGE residents were upset to see a "landmark" tree chopped down after a tree preservation order was overturned.

West Lancashire Borough Council gave the go–ahead for the formerly protected pine tree to be removed saying it may be a danger to a newly built house and neighbouring public footpath.

But Hesketh Bank resident Jill Staziker, who lives on nearby Station Road, described the tree, in Becconsall Lane, as a "local landmark" and said: "It's a beautiful tree and such a beautiful shape and everybody knows it."

She previously understood the planning permission for the new house involved keeping the tree but when she contacted the council she was told that it could be chopped down.

Another concerned resident Pauline Gudgeon said: "I just get quite upset about this tree because I've seen it for over 40 years. I thought that it would give the house character."

A spokesman for the council said that the planning committee approved an application to remove the tree, subject to it being replaced with another in the same vicinity.

He said: "The applicant's reasons for removing the tree included concerns about size and location, and concerns that roots were damaging the footpath and causing a trip hazard. Officers received one letter supporting the removal of the tree."

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Where there's muck, there's happy workers

by David Raven

SEWER workers are far happier than those working in offices, according to the latest report from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Responses from people quizzed on how they think and feel about their lives were collected for the first ONS annual National Well–Being Report.

According to the report, those who work in outdoor jobs such as sewer workers, farmers and those in the forestry industry have the highest "happiness index" in the North West. The results come from the first Integrated Household Survey of 200,000 people aged 16 and over between April 2011 and March 2012.

It was conducted as part of the Prime Minister's initiative, launched in 2010, to assess the wellbeing of the nation.

But when you look at the jobs that people do, it appears that great responsibility does not necessarily bring happiness.

For the people who run companies, the managers, directors and senior officials, the average "life satisfaction" rate is seven out of 10. This is compared with employees working outdoors who rated overall happiness at 7.8

Mick Barton a sewer worker with United Utilities said: "Laughter is the best exercise for the heart and we get plenty of exercise from being in and out of blocked sewer pipes all day.

"The work I do helping customers who have recently been flooded or clearing a blocked sewer pipe is very motivating. The benefits and opportunities and the work environment all have an impact on how you feel during the working day."

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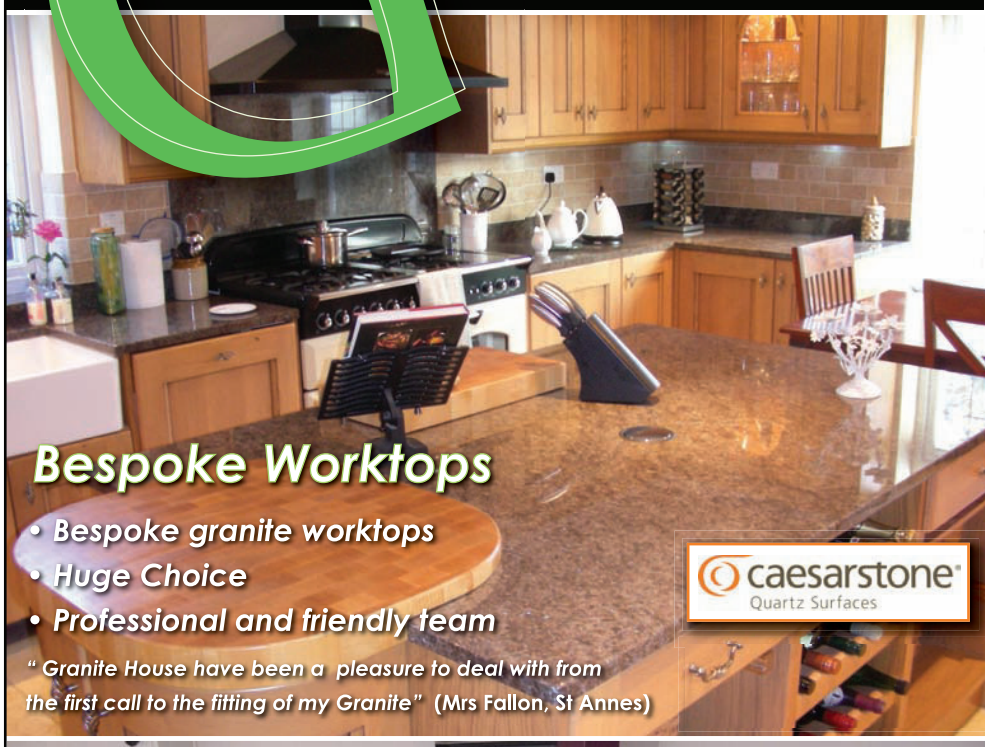

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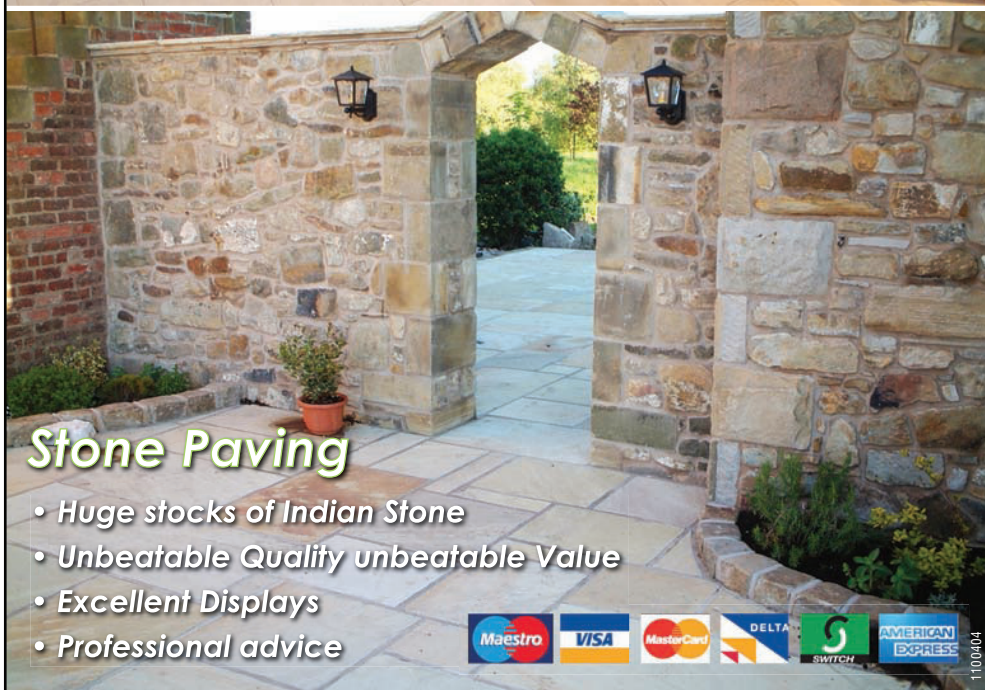

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Tanks for the memories

Report by
David Simister

A SMALL army of military machines took to the West Lancashire countryside last weekend as part of a special show held at a pub in Scarisbrick.

Following the success of an earlier show at the Heatons Bridge Inn in April, members of the West Lancashire Military Vehicle Trust and their friends at the North Lancashire and South Cumbria Military Vehicle Trust visited with dozens of imposing vehicles to give West Lancashire residents another chance to get up close to the machines.

Mark Lancaster of North Lancashire and South Cumbria MVT, said: "On the Saturday we ended up with a total of 36 vehicles on site, with a total of 41 over the weekend.

"The weather stayed pretty good and there were plenty of public around, and on Saturday 11 vehicles decided to go out on a reccy around the local country lanes, but the enemy was not sighted, so we stopped for ice cream!"

"We all enjoyed ourselves and had a lot of positive feedback from the public, thanks to everyone who supported the event and a big thank you to Steve and his staff at Heatons Bridge who looked after us so well over the weekend, we will be back next year."

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Bickerstock hailed a success as sun shines

Report by **Mel Ramsay**

THE 10th anniversary Bickerstock festival was hailed a success as hundreds of people flocked to the event to enjoy a music spectacular and a rare sighting of the sun over the weekend.

The free music festival was blessed with fine weather for the majority of the event, which showcases talents from across the region.

Andrew Dawson, of local band Somos Muchos, said the blue skies were reflected in the happy mood of the crowds.

He said: "The turnout was fantastic – there were so many people up and dancing. We had a few problems with our set but no–one seemed to notice."

The event's organisers told The Champion that the festival, held at the ground of Bickerstaffe FC, had been a resounding success this year, with fans turning out in droves to see some of the borough's top bands and families joining in the many fun attractions.

Amanda Bennett, one of the show's organisers, said: "It was brilliant. We had a great turnout over the weekend with people flocking in to hear the bands.

"The quality of the bands was very good – the weekend had a nice, family atmosphere to it and those who camped at the site left it in a very clean and tidy state, so I'm delighted with how the show went."

The event featured favourites such as the barbecue, stalls, beer on tap and the famous marquee that holds a stage of its own.

One of the bands who played in the marquee was Dire Wolf. The band did an energetic set that proved extremely popular with the crowds.

Lead singer, James Kevan, 24, said: "We've never played this festival before, but the sense of community is amazing. Everyone is just really up for a laugh and a good time.

"We weren't without our problems, I've got a gammy ankle so movement was more difficult than usual, but we all just buzzed off the crowd."

The festival was free to enter, with all profits from donations, food and drink sales and Bickerstock merchandise

going towards charities that are chosen by the Bickerstock committee.

The organisers also thanked both Bickerstaffe FC and Bickerstaffe Parish Council and the volunteers for lending their support to the event.

• The organisers are already turning their thoughts to next year's event. If you would like to be involved in the organisation, pop along to one of the open committee meetings that are held every Tuesday at the Junction Pub, Rainford at 7.30pm.

Dire Wolf performing at the Bickerstock Festival.

Crowds of music fans enjoy the festival atmosphere.

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Show raises £2,000 for Bank Hall

Report by
David Simister

CLASSIC car and bike fans from across West Lancashire helped raise hundeds of pounds for the restoration of a centuries–old stately home.

The organisers of the Bank Hall Vintage and Classic Show said the event, held in the grounds of Bank Hall in Bretherton has raised as total of around £2,000 towards the restoration of the 17th century Jacobean mansion.

Andy Watson, a member of the show's organising group The Friends of Bank Hall, said: "Even though the numbers were slightly down on previous years due to the weather and the clash with the Woodvale Rally, the event went really well with plenty of people bringing their cars and bikes along and lots of people coming along to have a look at them.

"People like it because it's a very cosy, picturesque venue, and the money raised goes towards a very good cause. It's a very nice location for a show like this."

The show, which was sponsored by Southport accident repair specialists Cross and Watson, attracted more than 750 visitors.

Bank Hall, which is currently in a derelict condition, was given a major boost earlier this year when it was awarded a £1.69m restoration grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The plan is convert part of the building into homes and preserve the central part for the public.

For more pictures from the show check out the Champion motoring blog by going to www.lifeoncars.blogspot.com.

Tony Jolly (left) with his Morris Oxford, one of the many vehicles on display at last Sunday s Classic and Vintage show held at Bank Hall, Bretherton. With him are Lionel Taylor, Friends of Bank Hall secretary and Andy Watson of sponsors Cross and Watson accident repairers. Code1052397

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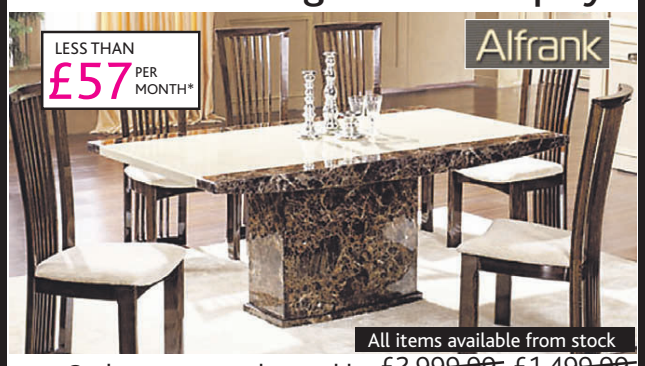

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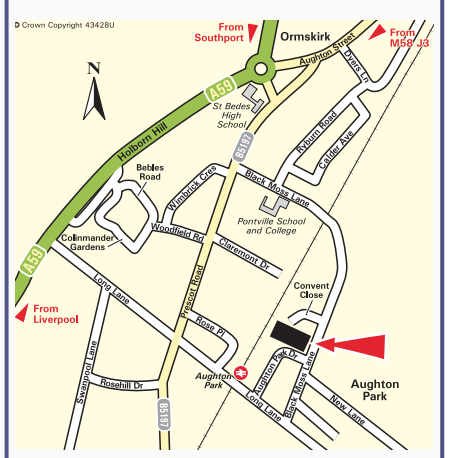

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Accompanied throughout by his 10 piece band and backing singers that breath the life into the music of a legend.

The show also features large screen projection, making it the biggest Elvis show to tour UK theatres.

Over the last 10 years as Lee has toured his 'One Night of Elvis' he has picked up many accolades including 'Best professional Elvis tribute in the world' at the 2005 Collinwood Festival and World's Greatest Elvis' finalist and has headlined some of the most prestigious venues in the UK and Europe.

New season at jazz club

A GROUP of jazz enthusiasts from Southport are calling on music lovers to get involved with their upcoming season of events and performances.

Southport Melodic Jazz Club's Autumn season opens at The Royal Clifton Hotel on Sunday, August 19, at 8pm with a concert by the UK's most popular and versatile jazz pianist David Newton. Scottish born and a graduate of the famed Leeds College of Music jazz degree course, David's 25 year professional career has seen him pick up every award in the British jazz piano scene several times over.

For this gig, David brings back to Southport fellow Scot acoustic guitarist Nigel Clarke and double bassist Paul Morgan.

For more information call SMJC 01704 541790.

SDC cast for Goldilocks production

Report by **Ron Ellis**

THE Southport Dramatic Club are 'casting' for their Christmas Pantomime which this year is to be Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Following on from last year's outstanding production of Cinderella, they are once again holding open auditions , open to everyone over the age of 14.

Anyone who is interested in being on stage as a principal, dancer, or member of the ensemble please come along on Sunday, August 12 from 1pm to the Little Theatre Bar/Foyer.

The theme for this panto is 'Circus', so if you have juggling, tumbling, acrobatic skills or stilt walking ability, the club would love to see you.

If auditioning for a principal part or you wish to be in the singing chorus you must be prepared to sing at least 16 bars of your chosen song and bring your own sheet music or a CD of your backing track.

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Audition pieces will also be available on the day or by contacting Sandy Town.

A total fee of £35 (for adults) or £15 (for juniors/students) will be required to be paid before auditioning.

This includes the Club Membership Fee, which is refundable if you are not selected for the show, plus a non–refundable £5 administra–tion fee.

This invitation is open to everyone who wishes to perform on stage in either a major role or as part of the ensemble or backstage crew.

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National Theatre plays to be beamed live to village cinema

CULTURE buffs from across the borough will be able to watch live National Theatre performances without having to get the train down to London, writes the Champ's DAVID SIMISTER.

The showings, part of a tie–up between Parbold Picture House and the theatre, will see a series of performances beamed to the West Lancashire venue as part of a new series of films being shown at the community run cinema, and film lovers and theatre fans alike are being urged to find out more.

A spokesperson for the award–winning cinema said: "We've now got access to some of the finest theatres in the world, from the National Theatre in London right the way to the Sydney Opera House, and with these showings it's like being in the front row in the theatre itself.

"It means audiences in rural West Lancashire can see these shows when they might not have otherwise had the opportunity. Thanks to a grant from the Arts Council, we've got the technology to do it – now all we need are more volunteers to help make it a real success."

The first showing of the cinema's new season is The Deep Blue Sea on Sunday, August 19, but the first theatre showing will be on Thursday, September 6, when The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night–time, an adaptation of the bestselling Mark Haddon novel, will be beamed live from London to showgoers in Parbold. Other showings later in the autumn include The Last of the Haussmans and the Shakespeare play Timon of Athens.

All performances begin at 7pm. For more information visit www.parbold.info or give the box office a call on 01257 464533.

Series of concerts at Parbold Village Hall

The Kalina ensemble will be performing at the Douglas Music concert on August 18. Code NA

THE organisers of a series of a concerts being launched in a West Lancashire village are hoping to hit the right note with music lovers.

Douglas Music, based in Parbold, said it has a host of performances lined up over the coming months in what is the group's 39th season, with a live launch weekend planned for the village hall venue on the afternoon of Saturday, August 18.

Michael Bonsall, spokesman for Douglas Music, said: "Douglas Music's 39th season of Saturday Night Live Music begins as the Weekend in the Arena Auditorium, Parbold Village Hall, celebrates the brilliant international musicians that either come from or currently live in the north west.

"To introduce the season, Douglas Music presents a free matinée event, including a cream tea on Saturday, August 18 at 2.30pm, with local pianist Tom Kimmance and players from Manchester's Kalina Balalaika Ensemble."

Among the performers lined up to play for West Lancashire music lovers are Intrada, a ten–piece brass ensemble, who will be paying a visit on October 6, a performance from acclaimed pianist Stephen Hough on October 27, and a tribute to Lancashire musician Kathleen Ferrier by mezzo–soprano Karina Lucas and pianist Simon Lane on November 24.

All performances bar the launch weekend on August 18 will be commence at 7.45pm on Saturday evenings.

For more information on the performances Parbold Village Hall is due to host, visit the Douglas Music website at www.parbold douglasmusic.org or call the box office on either 01257 498452 or 01257 462382.

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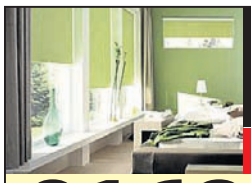
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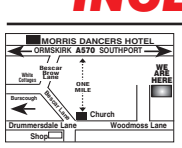

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DEATHS

Roberts Patricia Elizabeth (Pat)
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Aged 80 Years
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Service and cremation to take place at St. Helen's Crematorium on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at 1.30pm.
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IN MEMORIAM

Mum, Nan, Great Nan
One year today

When we're sad and lonely and everything goes wrong we seem to hear you whisper (Don't worry be happy) Always in our thoughts gone but never forgotten.
Love from all of us
XXX
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IN MEMORIAM

McCARTHY
John William
12th August 2011
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Love always, Marg & children Joanne, Jacqueline, John, Laura and grandchildren Isaac, Olivia, Jack, Faye, Kurt, Alfie, Cooper, Matthew and baby Kelly due soon.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Local Plan
Notice of Publication of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Plan Document
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 - Regulations 19 and 20

The Borough Council has prepared its new Local Plan Development Plan Document which will replace the current West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan. The Local Plan will set out the Council's planning framework for future development in the Borough until 2027. It includes policies and proposals for development that will deliver West Lancashire's housing and employment needs and address a range of key issues facing the Borough.

The Council proposes to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, along with the required supporting documents. Prior to this, the Council are inviting representations to be submitted to consider whether the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound. Representations will be submitted with the Local Plan and considered by a Planning Inspector.

The Local Plan Publication document will be published on Thursday 9th August 2012 and the Council are inviting representations to be submitted on the Publication document, and its supporting evidence. Comments should be submitted using the Representation Form provided by the Council and must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 5th October 2012. Any individual submitting a representation that is not in a format consistent with the Representation Form may be required to re-submit their representation in the appropriate format.

Copies of the Publication document, along with all accompanying documents including a Sustainability Appraisal and the Representation Form, will be made available at the Borough Council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and the Customer Service Point, Skelmersdale on Mondays to Fridays 9am to 5pm (4.45 Fridays) and public libraries and post offices across the Borough during their normal opening hours. These documents can also be viewed on the Borough Council's website at: www.westlancs.gov.uk/2027. It is preferred that comments be submitted via the website. Hard copies of the Local Plan Publication document can be purchased from the Council for a charge.

Further information is available from the West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF or by calling the Planning Policy Team on 01695 585046 or by emailing localplan@westlancs.gov.uk

Dated: 8 August 2012

Directorate of Transformation
John Harrison DipEnvP MRTPI
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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(IRWELL, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(DISABLED PARKING PLACE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 8 August 2012 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2, and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to;

Introduce; A Disabled Parking Place on Irwell, Skelmersdale, the north side, 240.1 metres from its junction with Northway in a westerly direction for a distance of 3.6 metres in an easterly direction.

This Order will come into force on the 13 August 2012. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The County Secretary and Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, **[quoting ref: LSG4/5.44509/TRO/MBS]**. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor
8 August 2012

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHAPEL LANE LEVEL CROSSING, CHAPEL LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
(NO. 3)ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of Chapel Lane, Parbold, for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Chapel Lane Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

No alternative route is available for vehicular traffic and cyclists affected by the closure.

Access will be maintained to pedestrians at all times.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow annual level crossing inspection works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative between 0001 hours and 0800 hours on Sunday 19 August 2012, or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows
Public Realm Manager
Area Office, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6BS
[Ref: HEM/226/8/762/GLH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice of application for new application of premises licence.

We Holborn Wines of Unit 4G Mathouse Business Centre, Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1QR have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a premises licence for the sale by retail of alcohol.

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Any interested party may make representations in writing to the council regarding the application before the 30th August 2012. It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is liable to a fine of £5000.00.

PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Application No: 2012/0800/FUL Retention of temporary site office at Bickerstaffe Waterworks, Simonswood Lane, Bickerstaffe.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2012/0815/COU Change of use of land to provide temporary replacement car park until April 2013 at Birleywood Health Centre, 365 Birleywood, Skelmersdale.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING
Application No: 2012/0849/LBC Listed Building Consent - Formation of external door opening at 5 The Stables Rufford New Hall, Rufford Park Lane, Rufford.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Borough Planner
Dated: 8th August 2012
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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **AR.KB.CL.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 41965

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Dear heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you many favours.

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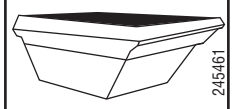
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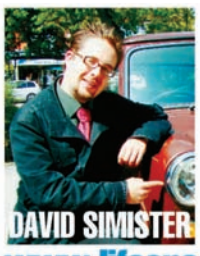

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F1 World Champion Lewis Hamilton is among the motorsport stars who started his career in karts. Code NA

AT LEAST one of the Simister clan's spent the weekend in Weymouth watching Team GB set sail in their quest for medals.

It's just a shame I don't share their enthusiasm; I'm not militantly anti–Olympics by any means, just relatively indifferent in much the same way I am with any global sporting spectacular that doesn't involve engines. The only horsepower at London 2012 is the sort Zara Phillips enjoys.

Which got me thinking; why can't motorsport feature in the Olympics in future? If you count the first modern Olympic Games as the IOC's efforts in Athens in 1896, then the games aren't as the old as the car itself, a chap called Karl Benz having invented his first runabout a decade earlier. Almost as soon as Karl had finished, someone suggested it'd be sporting to race one of these newfangled horseless carriages against another, and as a result motorsport has generally been regarded as a proper form of competition for more than a century.

It's about time motorsport finally featured in the Games and I've got just the thing lined up; karting. Because it's the stepping stone to almost every other form of automotive competition, it's the fairest and purest form of motorsport, giving everyone from the ballsy beginner to the hardened Le Mans veteran a fair crack at the whip.

All sorts of Olympic sports involve some sort of technology by their very nature, from Bradley Wiggins' bike to Rebecca Adlington's swimsuit, both of which I'm sure are more sophisticated and scientifically developed for speed than their supermarket equivalents. Karting, I know from personal experience, puts everyone on a level playing field and sorts out the wannabes from the truly quick – and there's no room for racing driver excuses.

It'd also finally answer one of motorsport's trickiest questions – who, truly, is the fastest? It's hard to argue Michael Schumacher is undisputably the best driver of modern times if his string of championship wins were backed up by the might of Ferrari married to the technical genius of Ross Brawn (we'll gloss over Michael's 'difficult third album' drives for Mercedes). But if he beat Ken Block, Sebastian Loeb, Lewis Hamilton and The Stig in identical karts to take the Olympic Karting gold medal, we'd know for sure. Providing there's no doping involved, of course.

I know you're probably thinking it's a sport that involves more machine than man but if you gave the cream of the world's drivers identical karts and set them off on an identical London 2012 track, it'd be fair game. And – to me at least – even more watchable than the beach volleyball.

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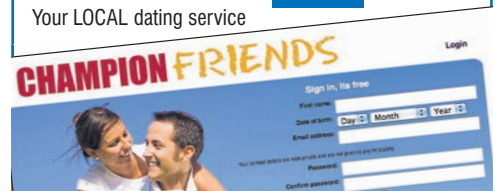

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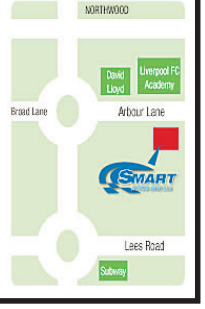

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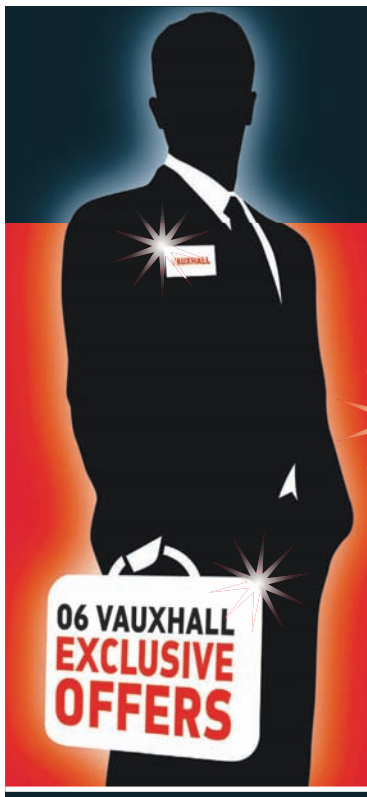

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59 Nissan Qashqai 1.6 Acenta, in cobalt blue metallic, 1 owner from new, FSH, Nissan alloy wheels, multi-change CD, remote control c/locking, A/Con & e/w's and mirrors **£9695**

07 Fiat Panda Active 5 Door Hatch in blue and travelled only 36,000 miles from new, Very low insurance group. Full 12 months MoT with electric front windows and PAS, remote locking **£3495**

56 Vauxhall Corsa 1000cc 3 door hatch Active model in midnight black. Travelled 55,000 miles from new with service history and remote control central locking and PAS, CD player and e/ws. Low insurance group. ..... **Bugle Price £3395**

57 Nissan Micra Spirita in Pacific blue metallic paint and travelled 38,000 miles from new with 12 Month MoT and three month Bugles Parts & Labour, Full service history, power steering ..... **Bugle Price Only £3695**

54 Nissan Micra 5 door hatchback, in silver. Special edition SE model. travelled only 45,000 miles from new and 3 month Bugle Parts & Labour Warranty. Comes with 12 months MoT. Only group 2 insurance, 1200cc Petrol engine. **£3295**

07 Ford Focus 1600 LX, in black 5 door hatchback **very low mileage only 25,000 miles from brand new,** service history and multichange CD player, six month Bugle parts & Labour warranty. Remote control central locking, air conditioning and power steering **£4795**

08 Ford Fiesta Style, star silver metallic paint, low insurance group and **very low mileage only 18,000 from new** service history and power assisted steering with a full 12 month MoT and remote control, central locking **£4995**

56 Suzuki Grand Vitara, in grey, low mileage, only 21,000 miles from brand new with s/history, 1 owner, Suzuki alloys with r/c/locking, A/C, & multi stack CD player, 3 month Bugle parts & labour warranty **£5995**

06 Nissan Primera 1.8S 5-Dr Hatch, in blade silver metallic, 55,000 miles from new, service history, PAS, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty **£2695**

59 Nissan Qashqai 1.6 Acenta, in blue metallic paint, 47,000 miles from brand new with service history, full 12 months MOT, 6 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, alloys, multichange CD, PAS, r/locking **£9495**

11 Nissan Note N-Tec, in intense blue metallic, only 8,000 miles from brand new, only one owner from new, under Nissan warranty until May 2014, 1400cc, Nissan alloys, aircon, CD, e/windows, ABS, PAS **£8995**

07 Vauxhall Corsa Life 1200cc 3-Dr Hatch, in silver metallic, only 36,000 miles from new, service history, 12 month MOT, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, alloys, CD, PAS **£3995**

07 Nissan Micra 5-Dr, in blade silver metallic, only 44,000 miles from new, only Group 2 insurance, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, 12 month MOT, service history, CD, PAS, e/f/windows **£3795**

08 Toyota Yaris 1.3 SR 3-Dr Hatch, in black, only 32,000 miles from new, Toyota service history, 6 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, velour trim, multichange CD, PAS, ABS **£5695**

53 Mini Cooper, in British racing green metallic, only 2 owners from new, only 53,000 miles from new, Mini alloys, e/windows, e/mirrors, r/locking, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, full 12 month MOT **£4495**

57 Vauxhall Astra Design 5-Dr Hatchback, finished in black, multi change CD & r/c/locking, also with s/history & e/w & a/c plus Vauxhall alloys **£4695**

56 Ford Fiesta Freedom 5-Dr Hatch, in purple, only 33,000 miles from brand new, service history, PAS, r/c/locking **£4395**

06 Peugot 207 S 3-Dr Hatch, in midnight black, 1400cc, **low insurance,** service history, PAS, e/windows, CD, r/c/locking. 12 months MoT, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, aircon, velour trim **£3395**

56 Toyota Corolla T Spirit VVTi 5-Dr Hatch 1600cc, in sunburst red, r/c/locking, aircon, multichange CD, 41,000 miles, service history **£5695**

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57 Citroen C3 HDI DIESEL model 1600cc diesel engine superb economy, low insurance group in red metallic paint, SX model with crushed velour trim. Travelled only 58,000 miles from new. **only £30 per annum road tax** and only **one owner from new** **£4195**

09 Nissan Micra DIESEL 1.5cc diesel engine 3 door hatch, in red. Very **low mileage** only 20,000 miles from new. Only £30 per annum road tax, FSH, PAS, CD player, central locking, ABS **£5695**

56 Peugeot 10007 Sport HDi 1400cc DIESEL 3-Dr Hatch, in silver metallic, only 40,000 miles from new, Peugeot alloys, low insurance, service history, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty, full MOT **£3995**

55 Renault Megane Dynamique DIESEL CONVERTIBLE, in solar gold metallic, 2-Dr with electric roof operation, only 55,000 miles from new, Renault alloys, CD, e/windows, e/mirrors, r/locking, aircon, service history **£4495**

57 Citroen C2 HDI DIESEL 1600cc Special Edition VTS Model, finished in midnight black, low mileage, only 26,000 miles from new, Citroen alloys, only low road tax bracket, e/w, p/steering, s/history **£5795**

57 Nissan X-Trail Aventura Explorer Automatic DIESEL, 2000 DCi engine, black, 6 spoke Nissan alloys, full leather trim, FSH, Nissan sat nav, colour reversing camera, ABS, e/windows, e/mirrors **£11995**

07 Nissan X-Trail 2.2 DCi Aventura DIESEL 4WD, in merlot red, service history, Nissan alloys, multichange CD, r/c/locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, aircon, 3 month Bugle parts and labour warranty **£8995**

06 AUDI A3 TDi Sport, finished in strato silver metallic paint, five spoke Audi alloy wheels, service history, 3 month Bugle & Labour warranty, 12 months MOT, serviced prior to delivery, economy and performance **£7495**

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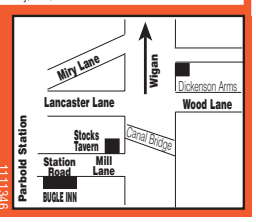

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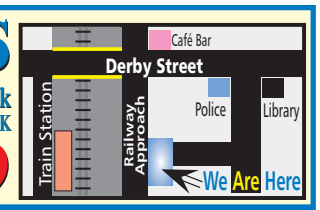

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09 09 NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 1.5 DCI, METALLIC BLACK, 18000 MILES, ALLOYS, AIR CON **£10995**

09 59 CITROEN C4 PICASSO VTR + 1.6 HDi AUTO. MET. GREY, ALLOYS, AIR CON. LOW MILEAGE **£9950**

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08 08 FORD C MAX 1.8 ZETEC, ALLOYS, AIR CON. 21000 MILES ONLY **£7495**

09 09 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 S SW ESTATE, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 MILES, AIR CON. **£7295**

09 09 NISSAN NOTE 1.4 ACENTA, EMOTION RED, ALLOYS, AIR CON. 15000 MILES **£7195**

08 58 TOYOTA AURIS 1.6 TR, 5 DOOR, VENETIAN SILVER, 12000 MILES, ALLOYS, AIR CON. **£6995**

09 58 SUZUKI SWIFT 1.5 GLX 5 DOOR, AUTO. GALACTIC GREY, LOW MILEAGE **£6895**

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08 58 RENAULT CLIO 1.2 EXTREME, METALLIC GREY, 8000 MILES **£5295**

N 95 MERCEDES BENZ E220 ESTATE AUTO. SILVER, SUNROOF, ALLOYS. **£3995**

05 05 MERCEDES A150 CLASSIC SE, 5 DOOR, MANUAL, METALLIC BLUE, AIR CON **£3750**

06 06 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO 1.6 DESIRE, ALUMINIUM SILVER, AIR CON. 34000 MILES. **£3495**

02 02 BMW 318 Ci COUPE, MANUAL, TOPAZ BLUE METALLIC, ALLOYS, AIR CON. **£2995**

02 52 VOLKSWAGEN BORA 1.6 S, SILVER, 64000 MILES. **£1995**

06 06 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 1.6 FSI SPORT, 3 DOOR, METALLIC BLACK, ALLOYS, AIR CON ..... **SOLD**

07 57 FORD KA 1.3 STYLE, METALLIC BLACK, LOW MILEAGE, POWER STEERING ..... **SOLD**

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2005 55 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DYNAMIQUE VVT COUPE CABRIOLET, in blue, low mileage, radio/CD, e/roof, A/C, r/c/locking, PAS, front fogs, alloys, ideal for summer **£4,695**

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2008 08 MINI ONE 1.4, in red, 1 owner, 33,000 miles, only group 5 insurance, service history, great MPG, Radio/CD, remote c/locking, PAS, alarm, electric front windows **£7,495**

2008 08 PEUGEOT 207 1.6 SPORT COUPE CABRIOLET 5-Dr in black, s/history, alloys, e/roof, A/C, fogs, e/windows, radio/CD, great summer car **£6,995**

2009 09 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 VVT EXPRESSION, in grey, A/C, ABS, e/windows, airbags, r/c/locking.Great MPG **£6,695**

2009 09 FIAT BRAVO DYNAMIC 16V 90, Grey, Ins Group 5, ABS, 16" Alloys, c/l r/c/control, e/w **£6,295**

2009 09 SKODA FABIO 2 16V, silver, Ins Group 3, A/C, C/Locking, ABS, 15" alloys, FSH **£6,295**

2008 57 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.7 CDTi SRI 5-Dr DIESEL, black, CD/radio/MP3, A/C, allloys, fantastic Diesel economy, electric front windows, r/c/locking, PAS **£5,995**

2009 59 PEUGEOT 107 URBAN, in silver, low mileage, insurance group 1, 62.8 mpg combined, £20 per year road tax. **£5,995**

2009 09 PEUGEOT 308, in silver, remote control locking, air conditioning, ABS, body coloured bumpers **£5,695**

2009 09 TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 VVT-I 5-Dr AUTOMATIC in blue, 1 owner, FSH, ABS, A/C, phone prep/bluetoth, radio/CD, electric front windows **£5,595**

2004 54 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.0 GSI CR TD DIESEL 5-Dr, in red, low mileage, s/history, alloys, s/steps, A/C, r/c/locking, e/s/roof, e/w **£5,495**

2009 09 FORD FUSION 1.6 FUSION PLUS AUTOMATIC 5-Dr in silver, low mileage, radio/CD, A/C, alloys, r/c/locking, PAS, front e/windows, tinted windows, ideal for family **£5,395**

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2008 08 FORD FIESTA 1.2 ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 3-Dr, in purple, r/c/locking, A/C, radio/CD, alloys, PAS, front e/windows, airbags **£4,995**

2007 07 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 SPORT 3-Dr, in black, A/C, alloys, radio/CD, front e/w, r/c/locking, airbags **£4,695**

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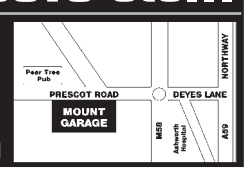

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Get sporty this summer!

Report by **Mel Ramsay**

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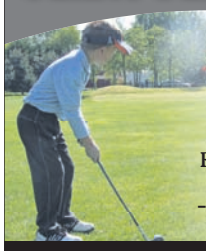
Young people can contact the advice line either by phoning 0800 511111 or text on 07786 511111. Alternatively, the webtalk and email services can be accessed at www.lancashire.gov.uk/yps.

Junior Summer Holiday Courses 2012



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Tips from the top

West Lancashire youngsters to receive lessons from ex–Liverpool youth coach

Report by **Henry James**

YOUNGSTERS in West Lancs are again being given the chance to learn from former Liverpool FC Youth and Reserve Team coach Hugh McAuley.

Mr McAuley has announced his academy will run one of his camps at Edge Hill University during the summer holidays.

The camp, which takes place between August 20–23, will be aimed at girls and boys aged between four and 16. There will be a range of activities at the camps designed to help young people to learn and develop new skills and techniques. Participants will also face a series of skill sessions, small sided games, and tournaments with potential for Premiership Club trials.

Hugh McAuley's playing carer started in 1966 with first team appearances at Liverpool FC among others throughout the Football League.

In 1988 Hugh was approached by Kenny Dalglish asking him to return to Liverpool FC to set up the club's Centre of Excellence Programme for nine to 14–year–old players. In 1996 the club won the Football Association (FA) Youth Cup for the first time, the winning team included Michael Owen and Jamie Carragher – both trained by Hugh.

For more information and details on

Two gritty draws for solid Skem

SKELMERSDALE UNITED 1
AIRBUS UK 1

Reports by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

THE visit of the Welsh Premier League team posed a serious challenge to Skelmersdale United's unbeaten run in pre–season games. The reality was that Skelmersdale were only denied victory by a late goal, after Tommy Lawson's team had far more of the chances and looked solid and composed at the back.

Most of the first–half was played in torrential rain.

Among the highlights of the initial period was a cross from new Skelmersdale signing Warren Bellew that was straight out of the "Dave Thomas textbook", such was the way it was thumped in whilst on the run.

Bellew's example seemed to get Skelmersdale going and in the 20th minute, Josh Hine saw a header saved by Airbus keeper Ben Chapman off a Mark Jackson cross. Followed by a Paul Woolcott drive from 15 yards that was clawed away by Chapman, this after he was set up by a visionary dummy from Jackson. Airbus goalkeeper Chapman was showing inspired form and made his best save in the 53rd minute to turn a Joe Evans curler spectacularly around the post. Airbus came close in the 67th minute via Sam Hart, but four minutes later it was Skelmersdale's turn and this time Chapman could do nothing. Gareth Peate took a quick free–kick in the left hand corner, putting the ball to Martin Crowder's feet some twenty yards out. With his right–foot, Crowder curled a superb shot around the diving Chapman and it the far corner to open the scoring.

The last fifteen minutes or so saw defences on top again. An Evans chip briefly caused problems in the Airbus backline, before almost out of the blue Airbus levelled, although it was from a good move. With three minutes to go Airbus patiently worked the ball down the left and into the middle, from where it was slipped down the inside–left channel to Craig Williams, who beat Ashton from six yards.

It had been another promising game from Skelmersdale. They travel to Wales themselves next week to tackle Conwy in a last warm up before the season starts.

SKELMERSDALE UNITED 3
STOCKPORT COUNTY 3

SKELMERSDALE United manager Tommy Lawson was happy after his sides game against Stockport County at the West Lancashire College Stadium, Skelmersdale fought back from behind twice and from two goals down to grab a draw that their high quality football well deserved.

The game got off to a quick start. Although, Stockport grabbed the lead in the fifth minute United levelled three minutes later.

Danny Rowe opening for County after Cameron Darkwah skilfully held the ball up for him, Louis Corrigan equalising with a spectacular free–kick from twenty yards.

County made a stunning restart after the interval and took the lead in the 50th minute, a slick move down the left–hand side leaving Zach Rothwell with a tap–in from a few yards out.

The first twenty minutes or so of the second–half saw County on top before Holden did find the net in the 65th minute for what looked like a winner to make it 3–1, another quality County build–up setting Holden up to blast the ball home from 15 yards.

Changes were made by Tommy Lawson and Skelmersdale scored twice in three minutes. Mark Jackson holding the ball up magnificently while wide on the left, then putting in a pinpoint far post cross to Antony Hickey, who headed home.

The second arriving from a right–wing corner fired in by Martin Crowder that was flicked into the net at the near–post by Tom Hardwick.

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WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Your West Lancashire 2027 Have Your Say

Public Consultation - Local Plan Publication 9th August - 5th October 2012

This is your last chance to have your say on the Local Plan for the next 15 years!

The Local Plan guides development over the next 15 years (2012-2027) and covers everything from new homes and new jobs to retail and leisure facilities, transport and local services and energy and the environment. It has to make sure they are located in the most sustainable parts of the Borough and can be supported by infrastructure and services. If you live, work, learn, play or shop in West Lancashire, these proposals will affect you.

You've given your views to us in previous consultation stages and we've amended some of our policies in response. We have now produced our Publication version of the Local Plan which is to be submitted to the Government for Examination later in the year. However, before we do this, you have one final chance to make a representation on the Local Plan, which will then be submitted to the Government alongside our Local Plan.

See inside and on the back page for more information on the Local Plan and how to submit your representations.

This is the last chance for you to have your say on the 15 year Plan.

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What's all this about?

The Local Plan policies will guide the provision of new homes, new jobs, services and facilities, retail and transport infrastructure until 2027 and seek to protect the natural environment from new development.

Over the last few years we have consulted you at each stage of the Local Plan preparation and invited you to get involved. Our last consultation stage was in January / February 2012 on the Local Plan Preferred Options where we received over 1300 comments from the public, professionals, developers and service providers.

As a result of the consultation responses we received, we have adjusted some of the policies within the Local Plan. Most changes were minor such as providing more detailed explanations, additional references or changes to wording.

These changes are now in the Local Plan Publication document.

The Council thinks that it has produced a robust and flexible plan that can respond to the needs of the Borough until 2027, and that the Local Plan is ready to be submitted to the Government for approval…

We do recognise that some of you may feel your comments have been ignored as they have not resulted in a change. We want to stress that we have read and listened to every comment made through consultation but we also have to balance the wishes of individuals / groups with the needs of the Borough as a whole, advice by professionals and service providers as well as national planning guidance, so we cannot agree to every change suggested.

…But first we need to know your opinion

on whether you think the way in which we have prepared the Local Plan, and the content of the Local Plan, is acceptable.

By this we mean whether it is legally compliant (meets the relevant legislation) and whether it is sound (the plan must meet certain criteria).

This is explained in more detail on the back page.

Your views on this will then be passed to an independent Planning Inspector for him/her to consider at a public Examination.

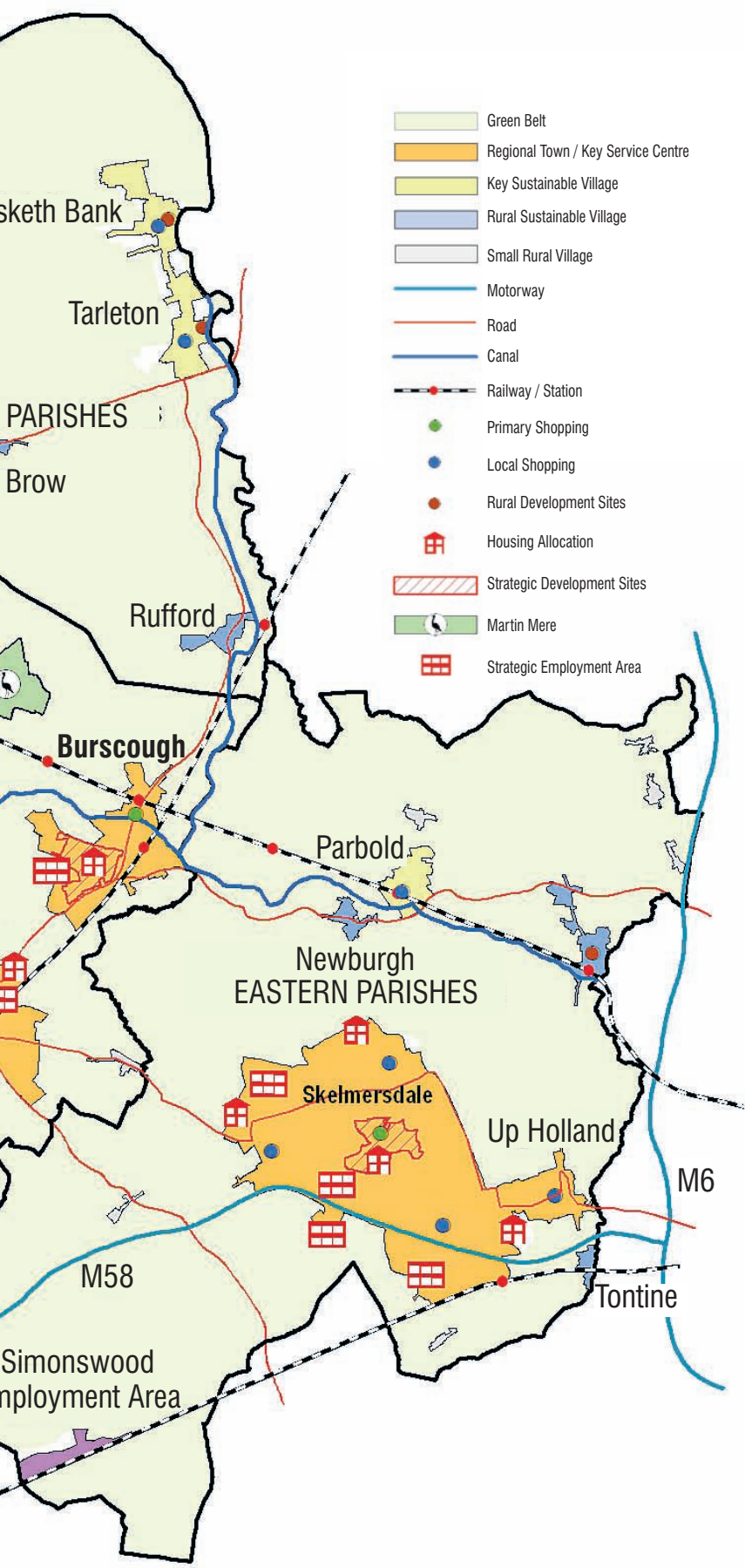
It's important that your comments now only relate to soundness and legal compliance, because this is what the Inspector will be considering. Unfortunately, we can't accept general comments anymore.

What to do!

1. Have a look at how the Local Plan is likely to affect you and your area. Find out more by looking at our website, visiting our exhibitions and drop-in events or by contacting us.
2. If you think the Local Plan is not legally compliant or sound, let us know.
3. Alternatively, if you think the Local Plan meets the requirements, let us know that too!
4. Use the representation form to tell us your opinion

Grove Farm, Ormskirk

The back page explains all about the process and how you can submit your comments, known as representations, to us.



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Burscough

- Strategic development site at Yew Tree Farm, providing 500 homes and 10ha of employment using Green Belt release
- Development could include a new park, primary school, energy network, local community facilities, and transport infrastructure
- Additional land on the site will be safeguarded from development until 2027
- Site will only be developed when the Council are satisfied existing problems with infrastructure are resolved
- 350 more homes in Burscough's boundary. This figure includes those with planning permission already
- Support for reinstatement of Burscough Curves
- Protection of existing employment sites

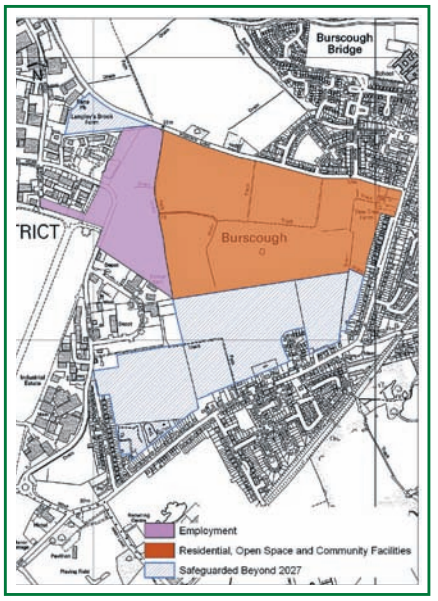
Ormskirk with Aughton

- 750 new homes, including a slightly larger housing allocation than previously proposed at Grove Farm using Green Belt release
- A new proposal for a Linear Park between Ormskirk and Burscough as well as Ormskirk and Skelmersdale
- Continued support for the bypass and improvements to Ormskirk-Preston rail
- Support for expansion of Edge Hill University campus, including new student accommodation, using 10ha of Green Belt release
- Limits to the number of houses that can be converted into multiple occupancy (including student housing)

Skelmersdale with Up Holland

- Focus for regeneration and majority of development
- New town centre to include shops, supermarket, offices, leisure centre, cinema, bars, cafes, restaurants & community facilities
- 2400 new homes, including using land at Whalleys, Cobbs Clough, Chequer Lane & Firswood Road
- 70% of employment land target to be delivered in Skelmersdale
- Long term aims to provide rail link to Skelmersdale

Yew Tree Farm, Burscough



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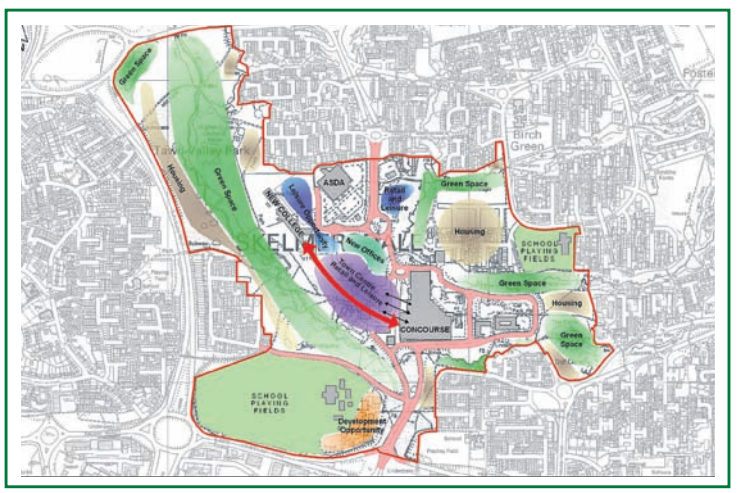

Your Questions Answered

What is the Local Plan?

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I submitted comments last time. What's different about this stage?

Preparing plans and policies involves many steps and we've asked for your comments at all the previous stages. We've listened to your views and changed parts of the policies in response, as well as adding more detailed information to the guidance.

We think the policies in the new Local Plan are now ready to be submitted to the Government for Examination. **This involves an independent Planning Inspector assessing our Local Plan.**

The Inspector needs to know whether you think the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound. So your comments now can only relate to whether or not you find the proposed Local Plan to be **sound** and **compliant with legal requirements.**

What are Representations?

Comments at this stage are called '**Representations**' and **must** be submitted using the formal methods outlined below. **We recommend you use the standard Representation Form**

What do you mean by legally compliant and sound?

When the Council prepare the Local Plan, they have to make sure they follow all the regulations and legislation set by the Government. This includes how we consult people. If you think that the **way** in which we have prepared the Local Plan has not been prepared in accordance with these regulations, then it is likely your comments will relate to **legal compliance.** The Local Plan also has to be sound. Soundness covers four criteria and requires the Local Plan to be ***positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.*** Essentially, this means that the Plan must meet development needs and achieve sustainable development, it must be based on evidence, it must have consulted with and involved the local community, it must be deliverable and flexible and it must be consistent with national planning policies. So, if you have an opinion on the **content** of the Local Plan, then this is likely to relate to **soundness**.

How do I know what the requirements are?

Further explanation and guidance notes, together with a standard Representation Form, can be found on our website or in our packs at libraries, post offices and council offices.

What happens after this stage?

The representations we receive will be passed to the Planning Inspector. The Inspector will decide the issues for debate at a Public Examination.

I still don't understand

Planning is complex and often relates to legal issues and procedures so the words and terms used in planning often have to include some technical and legal words for accuracy. But we do try to use Plain English as much as possible to make it easier for you to understand and get involved with.

If you have any questions on the processes, requirements or policies just contact the Planning Policy team and we'll be happy to help.

How to get involved...

Find out more and submit representations between Thursday 9th August and Friday 5th October 2012. If you wish to make a representation, you should do so using a Representation Form. The easiest way to complete the form, and to view the documents, is online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/2027. Alternatively, Representation Forms and all the associated documents are available at local libraries, post offices, council offices or on request.

Anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

If you have a Smartphone and a QR reader app, scan this code to find out more about the Local Plan.

EXHIBITIONS:

Exhibitions can be found at the locations below, and will display information relating to the Local Plan and explain how to submit your representation. These are unstaffed.

Exhibitions run from Thursday 9 August to Friday 5 October 2012 at:

- Burscough Wharf
- Ormskirk library
- Skelmersdale Concourse (Opposite Peacocks)
- Up Holland library
- Tarleton library

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Burscough Wharf 1.00 - 7.00pm
Monday 10 September
Ormskirk library 1.00 - 7.00pm
Monday 17 September
Up Holland library, 1.00 - 7.00pm

THE WEBSITE

Full information is available on our website 24/7 at **www.westlancs.gov.uk/2027**. You'll be able to find the Local Plan, all the supporting documents and the evidence base on there, as well as the Representation Form.

You can also submit your comments using the electronic version of the Representation Form. Just follow the links!

CONTACT THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM

Speak to any one of the Planning Policy Team for more information, help or guidance. By phone on **01695 585171** or email **localplan@westlancs.gov.uk**

POST OFFICES, LIBRARIES AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Copies of the Local Plan, supporting documents and Representation Forms can be found at all post offices and libraries in the Borough. Copies are also available at the Council offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and the Contact Centre, Concourse, Skelmersdale.

SUBMITTING REPRESENTATIONS

Ideally, we ask for you to use the website to submit your representations at **www.westlancs.gov.uk/2027.**

However, you can also submit electronic versions to us at localplan@Westlancs.gov.uk or by post to:

Planning Policy Team
West Lancashire Borough Council,
52 Derby St, Ormskirk, L39 2DF

Representations must be received by 5pm on Friday 5th October 2012.

FACEBOOK

We're also on Facebook. Find us by searching for '**Your West Lancashire 2027**' and like us to keep informed of progress with the Local Plan and all our news.

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